

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An operating condition judging means judges at least one of consumed current, whether or not a mechanically driven part is being operated, the supply voltage level, the ambient

5 temperature, whether or not the lens stop means is operative, whether or not the strobo means is being charged, and whether or not access operation of recording means is being performed.

A control means controls a frequency of sweep-out of unnecessary charge in the imaging element on the basis of the output of

10 the operating condition judging means. Thus, it is possible to effectively reduce the peak consumed current through the entire imaging apparatus, reduce the power consumption and extend the battery life.